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applications to the Public Service Commission, they have to compete along with others and if they are selected, we are bound to appoint them.''

SRI M. P. SUBRAMANYAM :—" ஜில்லா போர்டுகளிலும், முனிசிபாலிடிகளிலும் இப்போது பெண்கள் குமாஸ்தாக்களாக இல்லை என்று தெரியவருகிறது. அப்படியானால் ஜில்லாபோர்டுகளிலும், முனிசிபாலிடிகளிலும் பெண்களை நியமிக்கக்கூடாது என்று ஏதாவது விதியிருக்கிறதா ? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" மூலகேள்விக்கும் இதற்கும் என்ன சம்பந்தம் இருக்கிறது ? "

Poultry farms in South Arcot.

* 1350 *Q.*—SRI M. JAGANNATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of poultry farms in South Arcot district; and

(*b*) the amount of subsidy given to the poultry unit at Muttathur in South Arcot district by the Government during 1953–54?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) There are no poultry farms in the South Arcot district run by Government except the two poultry development units attached to veterinary institutions at Cuddalore and Kallakurichi in that district. There are five private poultry farms in that district.

" (*b*) A sum of Rs. 1,973–6–6 (rupees one thousand nine hundred and seventy-three, annas six and pies six) was given as subsidy to the American Arcot Mission, Katpadi, for the Muttathur Poultry Farm during 1953–54."

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN :—" In view of the fact that egg production is relatively more important than meat production, will the Government consider the desirability of starting some more poultry units in South Arcot district specializing in the sitting varieties of poultry known as the Asiatic varieties which have greater laying capacity than the non-sitting varieties known as the Mediterranian varieties? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Whatever be the degree of importance, the Government do realize the importance of poultry development for economic development in the rural areas and the Government will certainly see how they could extend this poultry development work. But it is for the non-officials to take the initiative and the Government are particularly making efforts in the National Extension areas. I would like the hon. Member and others to take some more interest so that we may extend this development."